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SUBJECT: IAEA BOARD OF GOVERNORS MESA SEAT: NEPAL UNLIKELY
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Classified By: Charge d'Affaires Randy W. Berry. Reasons 1.4 (b/d).

(S) On July 28, Rita Dhital, Section Officer for UN and International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA), told Emboff that the Government of Nepal (GON) was not against Kazakhstan for the Middle East/South Asia (MESA) seat on the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) Board of Governors, but the GON would be unlikely to make a decision regarding Kazakhstan or lobby regional members before Kazakhstan formally declared its candidacy. (Note: Post reported in Ref A initial attempts to deliver this demarche as per Ref B. End note.) Dhital said the MFA had limited information on which to base its decision and asked Emboff why the Government of Kazakhstan had not circulated a non-paper in search of support itself. Dhital inquired as to whether the U.S. Embassy would provide an official note requesting support for Kazakhstan. Emboff offered instead to provide an informal data sheet for Dhital's office to use in internal discussions. The MFA official said she would notify post if the GON moved on this issue.
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